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SUBJECT: RAZAK VISIT

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1. MFA'S ASIAN DIVISION HEAD LYNCH PROVIDED FOLLOWING
RUN-DOWN ON MALAYSIAN PM RAZAK'S RECENT VISIT WHICH
LYNCH SAID HAD MET GNZ'S MODEST EXPECTATIONS.

2. RAZAK APPEARED TIRED AND PERHAPS IN FAILING HEALTH
BUT WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS.

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3. RAZAK SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT INDOCHINA, WHERE HE

SAID PEACE HAD BEEN UNEXPECTED; TASKFACING OTHERS NOW WAS TO ADJUST AND MAKE FRIENDS. NOTING ASIAN HAD SHOWN HAND OF FIENDSHIP, RAZAK SAID FACT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE WAS NOT MATTER OF CONCERN AND WAS TO BE EXPECTED. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT HANOI NOT BE GIVEN ANY REASON TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ASEAN'S MOTIVES.

4. RAZAK EXHIBITED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER DISPOSITION OF US ARMS FROM VIETNAM, PARTICULARLY M-16'S WHICH HE SAID WERE APPEARING IN MALAYSIA IN HANDS OF TERRORISTS. MALAYSIA AND THAILAND HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING SURPLUS WEAPONS DIRECTLY FROM HANOI, THEREBY PREEMPTING TRAFFICKING BY INTERNATIONAL ARMS DEALERS.

5. RAZAK GAVE SOBERING ACCOUNT OF MALAYSIAN INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION. TERRORISTS WERE EMPLOYING NEW TACTICS AND MOVING INTO CITIES. GOM COULD CONTROL MATTERS IF REPEAT IF QUANTITIES OF ARMS DON'T START MOVING INTO TERRORISTS' HANDS FROM ABROAD. RAZAK SAID GOM HAD HOPED TO PURCHASE FROM US ARMS WHICH HAD BEEN DESTINED FOR VIETNAM BUT HAD BEEN INFORMED THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL PROHIBITIONS. BECAUSE OF GOM'S NEED TO SPEND MUCH MORE ON POLICE AND ARMED FORCES, MALAYSIA'S GENERAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD SUFFER AND GOM WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS STATED POLICY OBJECTIVES. RAZAK HAD BEEN "SOMBER".

6. WITH REGARD TO PRC'S ROLE IN THE INSURGENCY, RAZAK REFERRED TO HANDS-OFF ASSURANCES HE HAD RECEIVED IN PEKING AND SAID THERE IS NO OVERT PRC SUPPORT OF TERRORISTS BUT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES.

4. RAZAK SPOKE OF POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY TAKEOVER IN THAILAND, WHICH HE WOULD DEPLORE SINCE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST INROADS FROM WITHOUT WAS HEALTHY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. WHEN PM ROWLING OBSERVED THAT THAILAND APPEARS TO BE CRITICAL KEY TO SITUATION IN

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AREA, RAZAK SAID HE FELT THE HEAT WAS ON MALAYSIA RATHER THAN THAILAND.

8. REGARDING MALAYSIAN-NEW ZEALAND RELATIONS, RAZAK SAID "WE WILL UNDERSTAND" IF GNZ FINDS IT NECESSARY TO REDUCE NUMBER OF FOREIGN STUDENT SLOTS ALLOCATED BY GNZ TO MALAYSIA, BUT THAT GOM COULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN THIS ISSUE SINCE BULK OF MALAYSIAN

STUDENTS STUDYING IN NZ ARE CHINESE.
THERE WAS BRIEF REFERENCE TO BILATERAL DEFENSE
COOPERATION, WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED ON LOW KEY BLISS;
RAZAK DID NOT PICK UP OFFER BY ROWLING TO HAVE MALAYSIAN
MILITARY UNITS PERIODICALLY VISIT NZ FOR TRAINING.
PASSING REFERENCE ALSO MADE TO MODEST
ASSISTANCE NZ IS PROVIDING MALAYSIA.

9. LYNCH SAID INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH AT NO POINT DURING
OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS DID RAZAK RAISE SOUTHEAST ASIA ZONE OF PEACE,
FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY CONCEPT, WHICH RAZAK HAD DISCUSSED
PUBLICLY DURING VISIT (REFTEL).
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